

Useful Hints

Woman and Home

Ethical Talks

WHO'S GUILTY?

2nd Story, The Tight Rein  
By Mrs. Wilson Woodrow

Author of "The Silver Butterfly," "The Black Pearl," "Sally Sells," etc. (Continued from the series of photographs of the same name, released by Pathé Exchange and shown at the Victor Theater.)

SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTER. Jeremiah McCall, a rich mill owner, treats his son Jack with utmost vigor, holding him to account for every penny of the small sums he gives him. Jack falls in love with Amy Prentice, a pretty operative in the mill.

(Continued From Sunday.)

"But other men whose forefathers were poor try to make up for their children for what they themselves have suffered," argued Jack. "Take your cousin, Peter Jordan, for example. He was a poor Scotch boy, like yourself. Next to you, he is perhaps the richest mill owner in Silk City. And look how much money he spends on his daughter, Gertrude! He loves to make her happy and to give her the things his own sisters were too poor to buy. He told me so himself. And he—"

"Gertrude is a fine, worthy girl," interrupted Jeremiah, with an unwelcome burst of approbation. "The kind of a girl a man might be proud and content to have for a wife—or for a daughter-in-law, as I've hinted to you before now. And one day, when her father's gone, she'll be the wealthiest single woman in Silk City; yes, and perhaps in all New Jersey. A grand girl, Jack."

"I daresay," yawned his son, turning to go. "Do you call at Peter Jordan's house often?" queried the older man, craftily. "Do you spend an evening with Gertrude every week, as I told you to?" "No," said Jack, "I don't."

"And why not?" roughly demanded Jeremiah.

"She bores me. I bore her. Neither of us is interested in the other. And we never will be, till doomsday. I'm sorry, but we're not. She—"

"Not interested?" scoffed his father, angrily. "Not interested, hey? If you're such a born fool as not to be interested in the biggest heiress in Silk City—when her father approves the match, look—why, you aren't worth arguing with. We'll talk more about this later on. Be busy this morning. Get to your work."

He spoke as though ordering a dog out of the room. Jack fought back the sharp retort he longed to make—hesitated, then pocketed the \$2 bill and left the room.

To soothe his ruffled spirit, he made a detour on the way to his own department, in order to linger for a moment beside the machine where Amy Prentice was at work. He needed something to palliate the recent interview.

A foreman was beside her, and she was pointing out to him that the lever which stopped and started her machine had become jammed. The foreman took hold of the lever and tried to manipulate it. It was stuck, and he tugged harder at it.

And at that moment caught sight of Jack, who was but a step or two away. Testing one hand on the needle rack, she rose to greet him. As she did so the foreman, whose back was toward her, gave the lever a final savage wrench.

The obstruction yielded to his tug. With a snarl, which his machinery started, Jack saw the girl's peril, but his cry of warning and his forward spring were too late. Down swept the set of needles onto the rack. One of them drove its way through the side of the girl's hand, near the wrist.

Any one who had seen Jack, with a gasp of pain, and recoiled, half-swooning. Jack caught her in his arms. Still supporting and holding her, he carried her to the door, where he laid her down on the floor.

There, with the help of one of the girls, he washed out the ragged wound and bound it up as best he could. Amy refused to allow him to call an ambulance, or even to send for a carriage. Weak and shaken as she was, she insisted on walking home.

Jack put on his hat and coat and despite her protests, declared he was going to see her to her own door. On the way he made her stop at the office of the McCall physician and have the hurt properly dressed. Then, leaving her with her mother, he started back to work.

Passing a provision store on the way, he spent his only \$2 on a basket of fruit, which he himself carried to the injured Amy. It was the first time he had ever been able to buy a present for a girl and the experience delighted him.

He returned to the mill to learn his father wished to see him at once. With sinking heart, Jack went to Jeremiah McCall's private office. He found the great man stamping back and forth on the carpetless floor, his hands behind his back, his face purple with wrath.

"What's this I hear about your letting a girl out of the mill, after she's been awkward enough to get herself hurt?" he snarled.

"Miss Prentice was too badly injured to go on with her work to-day," explained Jack, so low.

"You young fool!" roared Jeremiah. "Do you mean to say you let her get away without signing a release? Now every shyster lawyer in Silk City will be after her to bring suit against us. And the papers will publish a lot of rot about our unsafe machinery."

"Her machine was unsafe," declared Jack. "The lever was defective. To save money you bought a lot of cheap stuff last time. The levers and the other machines were overhauled, and this was part of it. If the machine had been in proper condition, she wouldn't have been hurt. She has a clear case, under the Employer's Liability Act. And—"

What to Wear

English Model of Gown—Coat Made of Blue Tulle Cord.  
BY MME. QUI VIVE.

No matter how beautiful the new hat may be, it is a sad failure if there's a sour face beneath it.

With her usual delightful perversity, Mme. Fashion is talking now about velvet jackets for summer.

The truth is velvet is not any warmer than many of the woolen fabrics; its soft surface looks warmer. Much of the effect depends upon the color. All the lovely fruit shades—such as citron, lemon, apple green, banana and even cucumber—are beautifully cool looking.

With these velvet coats will be worn skirts of white or cream-color brilliantine, charmeuse, crepe tussahs, faille and silk voiles. Everybody knows that during the summertime there are cool days when warmth is necessary. The velvet coat will then suffice.

The tailor is assuming a mannish air that is a bit alarming to women who don't care for anything but fluff. Braided edges are seen, and flaring godets are growing fewer and scantier. However, the lines are kept soft, and that is a matter for rejoicing.

Afternoon coats of tulle are made of enormous plaids, blue and old gold being a favorite combination.

Evening wraps of chiffon and tulle are so ethereal that a butterfly would be justified in laughing at them.

The gown-coat is a bit of a puzzle to us.

To wear this garment with no frock underneath is to feel rather undressed. Yet the thing is designed for just that purpose. The women of London have taken to it with enthusiasm. The sketch tells the story.

The original model, coming to our own shores from a well-known couturiere of London, is of a blue tulle cord. There is a shallow yoke, from which the straight skirt being broken at the line of the equator by the addition of a narrow, slanting belt, locked with a single button. The very high, rolled-over collar is of tulle, which is also used for the lining of the wing cuffs, which, by the way, are very attractive on suits, as well as coats. Tailor buttons are placed from wrist to elbow on the outside seam of the sleeve.

So that the skirt of the gown-coat



Popular in London.

will not continue in the elongated lines formed by the flat plaids, a wide band is used at the hem. This is of the tulle, though it could be of tulle if one prefers.

The model is decidedly English, and would look well on the tailor-made girl

with the tailor-made soul, who likes a strictly tailor-made blanket.

Talk about your complex color combinations, listen to this:

A hat from the great George of Paris is of yellow tulle. The under portion of the brim is faced with Natter blue tulle. On one side of the brim, placed very flat, is a white uncurled ostrich plume. On the other side, arranged in exactly the same manner, is a brown uncurled ostrich plume. Directly in front is a pink tissue rose. Trailing round among the feathers is a black velvet ribbon. And yet, it is a lovely thing! It's all in the trick of arrangement.

The mushroom shape continues to urge itself into the shops, and will be more and more popular as the season advances. The large crown permits the building up of a towering coiffure, which is one of the happinesses of the moment, after years of the scared and "skunk-back" twist.

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Menu Suggestions

Breakfast: Grape Fruit, Cereal with Cream, Egg Rolls, Fried Cucumbers, Muffins, Coffee.  
Lunch: Ham and Eggs, Hot Water Gingerbread, Cocoa, Dinner, Milk Soup, Brown Bread, Potatoes, Tomatoes, Chiffonade Salad, Crackers, Pineapple Jelly, Coffee.

Little Bobbie's Pa

Business of Ad-Writing Has a Strong Appeal.

By William F. Kirk.

The reason I wait till for dinner tonight, said Pa to Ma when he came home last evening, is because I had a long talk with a advertising riter & he wants me to help him.

Help him do what, get hoam to his dinner? sed Ma.

Why no sed Pa, he wants me to help him rite ads.

Ha ha sed Ma. That's it, sed Pa, that is all I ever git from you wen I try to branch out & do sumthing grate & useful. I get the Ha Ha.

But wen did you start beeing a ad riter, sed Ma.

Oh, it is jest natural for me, sed Pa. I have the power of expresshun. I t'ot you knew that by this time.

I never noticed it particular, sed Ma, altho you do talk a good many evenngs wen you git hoam. What are you going to rite yur ads about? Dress goods?

No, sed Pa, tho I ought to know a grate deal about them, after beeing yur husband so long. No, I think I will rite my first ad about a famous new drink that has jest cam out.

Would Spilt, Fifty-Fifty.

Oh, to the spilt, sed Ma, to be sure. What else on erth cud possibly interest you. Of course.

If I make a lot of munny riting these ads, sed Pa, you and me will w'at it up, fifty fifty. I wuddent sharing it with my deer little wife.

Well, sed Ma, your deer little wife wud like to have about twenty dollar advance munny. I want to go & look at a new shirt waist I saw advertised. I wuddent have thot of it. Ma sed, only you menshuned advertising.

Will it cost you twenty to look at this shirt waist? sed Pa. I t'ot you think w'at it shud amount to if you desided to buy it.

Do I git the advance? sed Ma. You sure do sed Pa. Here is the twenty. I will give it to you in two tens, maybe you will save one of the tens, Pa sed.

You dont need to worry about me saving munny, sed Ma, if you was only half as wud be able to live at Newport. Maybe after you git famus riting ads we can live there anyway. I have always wanted to seeeing to the Four Hundred, Ma, sed, so I cud snub them wen they invited me around.

That wud be glorious, wuddent it, sed Pa.

It certainly wud, sed Ma & it wuddent cost as much to live there if we snubbed all of them, becaus we wud dent have to entertain them if we didnt go to thare homes.

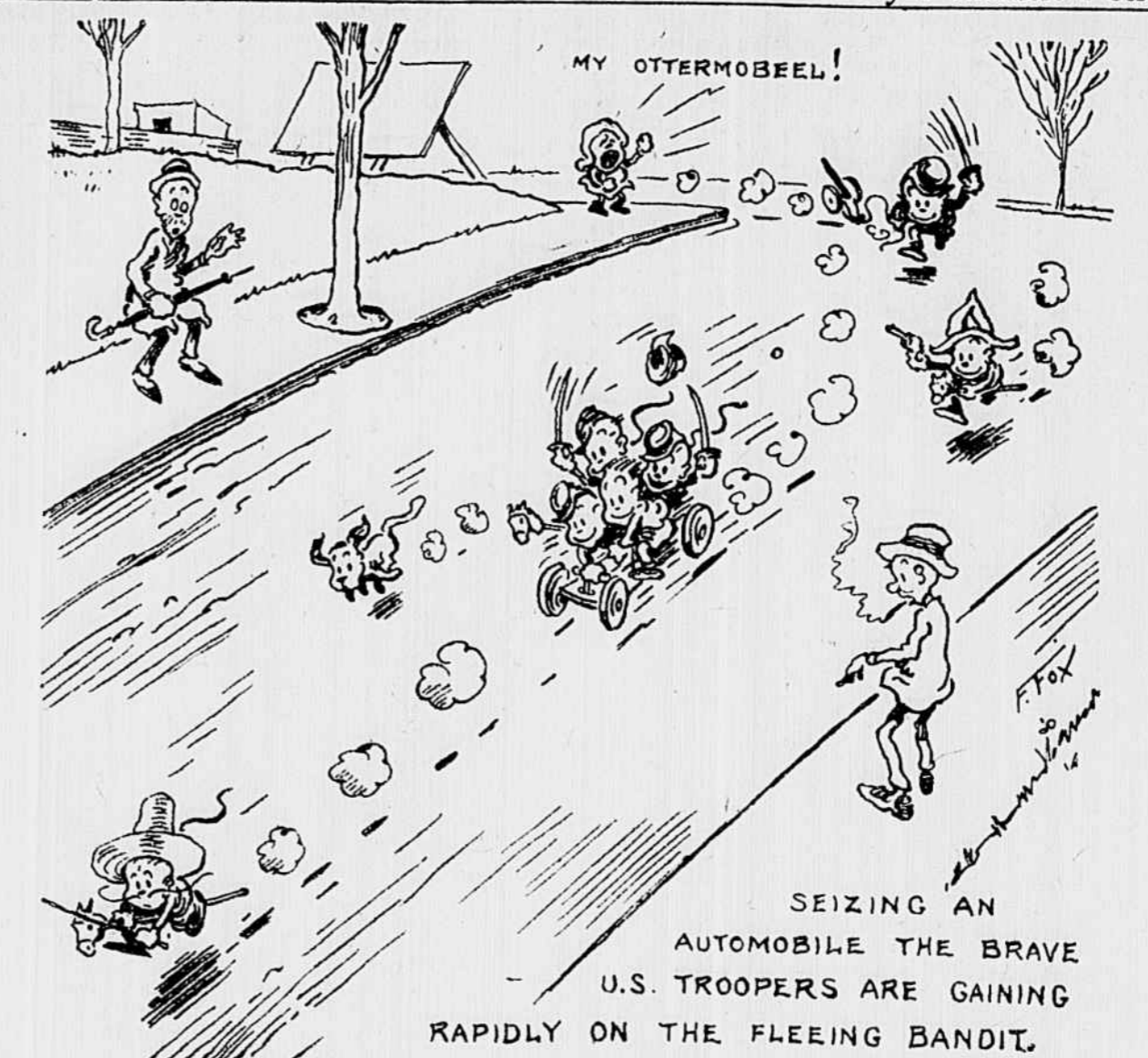
I want to live in the country ware I can fish, I sed.

Yes, Bobbie, sed Pa. You are going

The Pursuit of Villa

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By Fontaine Fox



NEWS OF ASHLAND

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ASHLAND, VA., May 21.—"Memorial Day" was observed at Woodland Cemetery on Saturday afternoon with appropriate exercises. W. D. Cardwell was master of ceremonies, and Rosewell Page made the address. A procession of school children dressed in session of school children singing war-time songs and strewing flowers over the soldiers' graves made a pretty scene.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Jane Hawkins of Bedford City, to Henry Grant Ellis, of Ashland, the marriage to take place in the late summer. Mr. Ellis is the son of the late Dr. D. E. Ellis, and a member of the faculty of Randolph-Macon College.

The Hanover Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, met in the home of Mrs. Sydnor on Thursday afternoon. Two new members were enrolled, this making eleven new members in the last few weeks. The chapter has taken a good deal of interest in the Tillman bill, recommending the payment of \$500 and \$300 monthly to the Confederate soldiers and their widows, this sum to be paid from the appropriation made for the war, and from the collection on the cotton tax. The members of the chapter have endorsed the bill.

The most interesting feature of the meeting on Thursday was the report from the committee on the prize essay, awarded to a student in the high school of this county. This committee consisted of Mrs. Hood, chairman; Mrs. Blakey, Mrs. Smith, and the subject was, "The Causes That Led to the Framing of the Constitution to the War Between the States. From the Secession of the Southern States, the essays being judged from the standpoint of historical accuracy, correct grammar and spelling and neatness. There were six contestants, three from Montpelier, one from Ashland, one from Elmont, and one from Hanover (three from Montpelier coming in too late to be counted in the contest). The judges, who were Drs. Hedley, Amb-

Household Hints

Ammonia will often restore colors that have been faded by acids.

After washing woolen blankets dry them on curtain stretchers to prevent them from shrinking.

Soaking a broom in hot water before using for the first time will make the bristles stronger and add many months to their life.

To remove wax or tallow stains, lay a piece of brown paper over them and apply a hot flatiron. After one or two applications the paper will absorb every bit of the wax or tallow from the cloth, leaving no trace behind.

Wash the bindings lightly with a soft sponge dipped in a mixture of one part of the best glue dissolved in one part of warm water, one teaspoonful of glycerin and a little flour paste. When dry, rub well with a camellia skin.

Pupils and Spelling

Expert Compiles Figures

Seven out of every 100 third-grade public school children cannot spell the word "has." This and other evidences of the special problems which have to be solved in the teaching of spelling are brought out by Dr. Leonard P. Ayres, of the Russell Sage Foundation, as the result of a long series of investigations.

As a result of combining the four most extensive studies that have been made to identify the words commonly used in different sorts of English writing, Dr. Ayres has selected the 1,000 words that constitute 90 per cent of the language ordinarily used. This selection was made from various English authors, from four Sunday newspaper columns of Buffalo, N. Y., and from the business and family correspondence of over 2,000 adults.

The object was to "develop a scale for measuring attainment in the spelling of common words on the part of school children."

Co-operating with the city superintendents in eighty-four cities of the United States, Dr. Ayres had the 1,000 commonest words tested by an aggregate of 1,000 public school children. The result, according to Dr. Ayres, made it possible to accurately measure spelling ability, and to compute the amount of improvement in spelling the same words from grade to grade.

By a scale arrangement, extending on a line from 0 to 100, "spelling ability" is easily and scientifically determined. For example, nine words of most frequent use, "the," "and," "in," "so," "now," "man," "ten," "bed," "top," revealed that second-grade pupils, on an average, spelled correctly 94 per cent of these words.

At the other extreme of the scale the words "judgment," "recommend" and "allergy" were found to be spelled correctly by just 50 per cent of eighth-grade pupils. Percentages above and below these would indicate variations from the normal in spelling.

Dr. Ayres finds that "intellectual abilities are distributed in much the same way among people as are physical traits. Just as there are few dwarfs, many people of medium height and very few giants, so there are very few exceedingly poor spellers, many medium ones and very few exceptional ones.

"Few words do most of our work when we write. Fifty words constitute, with their repetitions, one-half of the words written. The child who masters the 1,000 words on the scale given will make no spelling errors in nine-tenths of his writing."

Cheese Fondue

Take one-half cupful of cheese, crumbled, one cupful of hot milk, one-half cupful of bread crumbs, one egg, one-half teaspoonful butter, salt and pepper to taste; melt cheese and butter in hot milk, add egg well-beaten, seasoning and bread crumbs; bake until brown.

STEVENS BILL TO BE TOPIC OF MERCHANTS

Price Maintenance Measure Will Be Discussed at Retail Association's Meeting.

MAY TAKE DEFINITE ACTION

Business Session Will Be Preceded by Banquet, at Which Dr. D. R. Anderson, of Richmond College, Will Deliver an Address.

The Stevens price-maintenance bill, now pending in Congress, will be the absorbing question at the quarterly meeting and dinner of the Retail Merchants' Association, to be held tomorrow night in the Masonic Temple. A free debate on this measure will be invited, and attempt will be made to have the association take definite action.

Retailers all over the United States are engaged in a controversial discussion of the bill, with opinion sharply divided. It seeks to prevent the retailer from reducing the price of trademarked or branded merchandise below the price fixed by the manufacturer. While the Virginia Retail Merchants' Association considered this bill at its last annual meeting and voted against it, the local association never has considered it officially. The recent action of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce approving the bill has made the matter a live issue among the large number of the chamber's members who oppose it.

OPINION GREATLY DIVIDED. AS TO MERITS OF BILL. Retailers who oppose the bill have drawn attention to the fact that a large proportion of the chamber's membership is made up of manufacturers, bankers and professional men who are not immediately acquainted with retail conditions, and therefore are not in a position to pass judgment on a measure which is regarded by many retailers themselves as undesirable. On the other hand, are a number of retail dealers who favor the bill and are in harmony with the chamber's endorsement. The discussion tomorrow night will be significant in that it will be the first opportunity that the organized retail merchants of the city have had to consider the bill as a body.

The business meeting will be preceded by the dinner, to be served at 7 o'clock. H. Carl Boschen, newly elected president of the association, will preside for the first time since his election. There will be an address by Dr. D. R. Anderson, of Richmond College, who has taken a prominent part in the charter reform movement and other municipal undertakings.

GIVE SHAKESPEARE PAGEANT

Event Feature of Closing Exercises of the Williamsburg High

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., May 21.—The Williamsburg High School closed for the session on Friday with a grand Shakespearean pageant on the campus of William and Mary College. Miss Mary Lyon Tyler, as Queen Elizabeth, Professor George O. Ferguson as Shakespeare, and others representing characters, appeared to advantage in the costumes of the period. The parade started from the president's house and ended in Player's Dell, where an improvised throne had been erected. Here "Queen Bess" received the homage of her subjects. The May fete exercises closed with a May-pole dance, in which many beautifully costumed children took part. The fete was held under the auspices of the Women's Club.

Friday night witnessed the formal closing of the school year. The speaker was Harris Hart, of Roanoke. There were a number of graduates this year. The medal for the best debater in the annual celebration of the Chesapeake Literary Society was won by Loren Bennett, and for best declaimer by Lloyd Mahone. The medal for the best debater in the Jackson Davis Society was awarded to Miss Mildred Lane, and for declamation to Miss Mary Gilliam.

WHILE ADDRESS ELKS. LYNCHBURG, VA., May 21.—Rev. Claudius F. Smith, rector of Grace Memorial Episcopal Church here, has accepted an invitation to deliver the annual Dedicatory Prayer at the Elks' National Home at Hot Springs, June 4. A large delegation of Lynchburg Elks will attend the service.

At the Movies To-Day

REX—Gertrude Robinson, in "The Quality of Faith."  
COLONIAL—Gold and the Woman, with Marguerite Clayton and Tom Chatterton.

STRAND—Hazel Dawn, in "The Feud Girl."  
VICTOR—Pearl White, in "The Iron Claw."

ODION—Billie Burke, in "Gloria's Romance," and "The Cycle of Life," with star cast.

BIJOU—Douglas Fairbanks, in "The Good Bad Man," and a Keystone comedy.

JSN—Hazel Dawn, in "The Sales Lady."  
LITTLE—Special features and single-reel films.

ler and Smith, had no knowledge of the personality of the contestant or of the school to which he or she belonged, the key to this knowledge being in the hands of Mrs. C. G. Blakey. The decision was made on favor of James Roberts, of Ashland, a student of the Ashland High School, the contestant next fulfilling the requirements of excellence being Miss Lewis, of Hanover. The awarding of the prize, a \$5 gold piece, will take place at the high school commencement in June.

SLAYER MUST PAY DAMAGES

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) DANVILLE, VA., May 21.—Mrs. Dameron Hodnet, whose husband was killed by Coley Taylor, a well-known Pittsylvania miller, two months ago, has been awarded \$1,000 damages against Taylor.

Soon after her husband's death Mrs. Hodnet instituted proceedings against Taylor, who was fined \$100 in the Circuit Court on a charge of felonious assault. After a trial lasting two days the jury awarded her damages. She asked \$16,000.

I'll Do It---

The ability—to do things worth while is almost always limited to the fortunate combination of a well-balanced mind and body.

Food—right food, and right living play an indispensable part in the program.

Unfortunately the usual dietary consists of too many heavy, indigestible foods, often lacking the mineral elements, phosphate of potash, etc., which are absolutely essential for physical well-being.

Grape-Nuts

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"There's a Reason"

